

Parish Newsletter

April 2021



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR DEB STAVE



“Now the Green Blades Rises” ...That hymn is in both the Lutheran Book of Worship and The New Century Hymnal...#148 and #238 respectively if you have access to the hymnals. The words fit the springtime hope for new growth poking up through the warmed earth. The words of this hymn likewise call us to renewed hope for love to germinate and bloom forth for us in the love of our God who is love and calls us to love.

Such a strange year, such a strange winter we’ve had. With the warming weather, I’ve been listening to conversations about getting into fields and as I’ve driven from Hatton to Mayville to Fargo, I’ve been seeing fields being worked.

In the Easter season of the church, we don’t start our lessons with the usual choice of an Old Testament text but one from the book of Acts. Acts is the story of those followers of Jesus being called to continue to plant the seeds of the Good News, to be the church. Some fields were rocky, some sandy and some fertile and wildly yielding. Those that have worked the fields through the years know that experience from the past informs the work of today. The Old Testament stories are still important for us to hear about God’s saving work in the lives of those Old Testament chosen imperfect people, like King David, like Rahab, like Noah or like Moses. It would be great wouldn’t it, if all the variables of weather and soil and seed and workers fit together without any glitches? Sometimes it does. So, we hold unto hope.

We are moving, not at Miracle Grow speed, but for sure moving to be saying goodbye to our necessary cautions from this Pandemic. Let’s remember the lessons from the recent past and work our personal fields with the wisdom we have learned. The seeds of hope, forgiveness, and listening to the Spirit leading us in the fields that we’re planted in and casting those seeds near and far.

From the cross and through the resurrection we’re beginning again. Hear from that hymn I started with these words “Love is come again like wheat that rises green.” May your springtime bring in a bumper crop of new depth of all God calls each of us to yield. May God bless you, Blessed Easter New Life to you

What Wondrous Love is This! To you,
Pastor Deb Stave

PASTOR DEB CONTACT INFORMATION

To contact Pastor Deb Stave – 701/550-9830, deb.stave@gmail.com .

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Both of our congregations have now held their annual meetings. If anyone was not able to attend and would like a hand delivered (honoring safe social distancing and masks) annual meeting report please contact Pastor Deb. She will love to come and drop it off in person if only at your doorstep and better yet for a visit. She's learning where folks reside and enjoys matching faces to places.

From the Bethany Annual Meeting: delegates are still needed for the Synod Assembly. Anyone interested in being a delegate for the EaND Synod Assembly please contact Pastor Deb or one of the council members. It will be held in Fargo August 13-15th. Business of the Synod is concentrated during the days on Saturday and Sunday. Friday and Saturday nights have been social gatherings. The planning committee is beginning to work and Assembly will be at the Holiday Inn, Fargo this year. Please pray that it may be so and watch for updates.

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet April 14th at 7:00PM at Bethany Church. Plans are to finalize the April 18th Installation Service for Pastor Deb.

INSTALLATION OF PASTOR DEB

April 18th at UCC. EaND Bishop Tess Leiseth Moon will be preaching and Rev. Jo Cassidy-Maloney of the UCC No. Plains Conference will be presiding.

SUNDAY LESSONS FOR APRIL 2021

- April 1st - Maundy Thursday - Ex. 12:1-4, 11-14; Ps. 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Cor. 11:23-26, Jn. 13:1-17, 31b-35
- April 2nd - Good Friday - Numbers 52:13-53:12; Ps. 22; Heb.10:16-25; John 18:1-19-42
- Apr. 4 - Easter Day - Isa.25:6-9; Ps. 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Cor. 15:1-11, John 20:1-18
- Apr. 11th - 2nd Sunday of Easter - Acts 4:32-35; Ps. 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2, John 20:19-31
- April 18th - 3rd Sunday of Easter - Acts 3:12-19; Ps. 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke:36b-48
- Apr. 25th - 4th Sunday of Easter - Acts 4:5-12; Ps. 23; 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation schedule for Classes –

Apr. 7th- 3:45 to 5pm.

Apr. 14th - 2pm to 3:30pm

Apr. 21st. - 3:45 to 5pm

Apr. 28th - 3:45 to 5pm

We meet in the Hatton Community Center after school. Confirmation lasts for minimally 1.25 hrs. If school is cancelled there will be no confirmation that day. PLEASE alert Pastor Deb via text or email if there will be an absence. 701/550-9830, deb.stave@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER

Newsletter items can be sent to Tracy Foss at Tracy.L.Foss@gmail.com. Newsletter deadline is the Tuesday before the last Sunday of the month. May newsletter deadline is 4-20-2021.

Mayville Congregational-UCC News

Thank you to Kim Jacobson, director of Agassiz Valley Human Services who presented the needs in Traill Steele counties after the morning service on March 21st. If you would like to find out more regarding the needs in this county she can be reached at 701-636-5220.

Bethany News.

APRIL READERS

- April 4 - Laura Foss
- April 11 - Karen Osland
- April 18 - Installation
- April 25 - Mandi Aamold

APRIL USHERS

- Linda Stromstad

BETHANY COUNCIL

The Bethany Council met on 3-17-21. A new sign is out in front for Pastor Deb. The Furnace is working well. First Communion will be on March 31st. The Maundy Thursday service will be at 6:00 pm. The Mayville EaND Pastor's Conference is April 20th. Baccalaureate Graduation is May 12th. Bethany Graduate Recognition will be on Mother's Day. Confirmation is June 6th. New bibles will be given out to 3rd graders. Synod Assembly is August 13th -15th in Fargo.

WELCA - APRIL CLUSTER MEETING

The April Cluster Meeting has been canceled. Plans are moving ahead for a convention in the fall.

WELCA - LAKEVIEW RETREAT

The annual WELCA Lakeview retreat is scheduled for June 15th and 16th. Please put it in your calendar and plan to attend. More details will be in the May newsletter.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE

Elizabeth Circle will meet at 2:30 April 14. The meeting will be at the church.

BETHANY QUILTING

April quilting dates are the 16th and 17th starting at 9:00 am or any time after. Bring your own lunch.

QUILTING REQUEST

The quilters are asking for donations of new or gently used pillowcases. They will be used to “package” the quilts before they are given away.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will plan to meet April 11th and 25th this month after church service.

JR. CYO

THANK YOU from the Jr. CYO group for all the items collected at Bethany for the Foster Care Comfort Packs! The kids will be assembling the packs at their April 7th meeting, and they will then be taken to local social service agencies. Your generosity will benefit many foster kids in our area. **Items will be collected at the church until Easter Sunday.**

*Jr CYO and St. John's Mission Committee are teaming up to fill back packs for children entering the Traill County foster care system. We are asking for your help by donating **new** item(s) listed below or making a monetary donation. (Checks can be made out to St. John's Church.) For questions please contact: Donalee Strand or Dawn Heskin*

Personal Care Items (Travel Size) – shampoo & conditioner; soap or body wash; lotion; toothbrush & toothpaste; deodorant; diaper cream

Clothing (Sizes Newborn-Adult) – soft pajama; underwear; socks; baby bib

Other – stuffed animal (12" or smaller); book; coloring book with crayons; journal

WEB PAGE

Check out our new web page: BethanyRuralHatton.com If you have anything you would like to put on the website contact Mark.

SUNDAY OFFERING

During this time of the pandemic, if you will not be attending worship service in person, you can send your offering directly to Richard Moen at 15159 14th St NE, Mayville, ND 58257.

BULLETIN

Bulletin announcements can be sent to Lorrie Aamold Loaamold@hotmail.com or by leaving a message at 543-3806. Deadline for the bulletin is Thursdays.

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